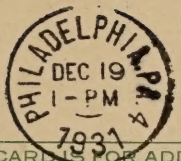

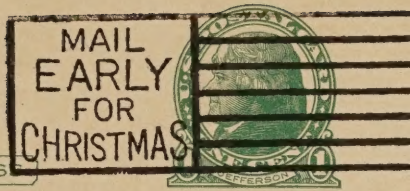

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1217 Market St.,
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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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520 Witherspoon Building

Philadelphia, Dec. 19, 1931

We have received your letter relating to Dr. M.'s MS., and your disposition of the matter is entirely satisfactory, and we will look for the MS. in January, for which a grateful acknowledgment is hereby tendered.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Finney

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December 23, 1931.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D., Editor
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street, Philadelphia.

Dear Doctor Robinson:

My attention has been called to the letter of Henry A. Howard in the December 17 issue of The Presbyterian, headed, "Questions Article in The Westminster Teacher."

Mr. Howard wrote to us direct about the burning of witches in Cromwell's time. In responding to his letter I called his attention to the statement made in the Encyclopedia Americana, page 439, Volume XXIX: "From [1541] on for more than a century the burning of witches was kept up in England."

I did not call his attention to the fact that in "The Story of Religions in America," by Swete, page 91, it is stated that five hundred thousand witches were burned in Europe between the fourteenth and the eighteenth centuries, while Fisher in his "History of the Christian Church," page 479, says that thirty thousand witches were put to death in England on the charge of witchcraft prior to the New England epidemic of similar executions.

While the period of Cromwell is not named by any of these authorities, it does not seem improbable that hundreds were burned during Cromwell's time.

This is a small matter, but we do not like to make statements without knowing that we have authority for them. This is not for publication, for it seems hardly worth while to take your space with a reply. But I felt that you personally would like to know that in the Board with which you were connected so long we do try still to be careful of our facts.

May you and yours have a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours cordially,

John T. Faris

December 18, 1931.

Rev. William P. Finney, D.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Finney:

I have your letter relative to Dr. Macartney's article. I wrote to him and he told me that he wanted it to have a wider circulation than it would get in your magazine but I think he had no objection to the magazine printing it. We expect to print it in the issue of December 31st. He sent it to me first without any suggestion on my part. Now I would like to enable you to clear up your work prior to Christmas but I think as things now are arranged, I will have to ask you to wait until January first.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

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December 17, 1931.

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

As I am endeavoring to get the loose ends hereabout tied up before the Christmas holidays come down upon us, I bethink myself of the manuscripts of the addresses at the recent 225th anniversary of The Presbytery which I was directed to assemble for printing in our next issue of our Journal. I am happy to say that I have all of those that were delivered in the afternoon, including Dr. Hill's prayer--except Dr. Macartney's, which I understood you to write that you would try to secure its release to us.

If it is not putting you to too much trouble, it would be a great accommodation to let us have it at your early convenience--of course always understanding that this is agreeable to Dr. Macartney, as well as yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. P. Finney.

December 12, 1931.

Mr. Frank Farrington,
Delhi,
New York.

My dear Frank,

I have just read your article in the "Delaware Express" which copied it from the "Christian Monitor." I want to tell you I think it was one of the finest things I have read and I congratulate you and congratulate the cause of temperance for its publication. I well remember the old days farther back than you do and I have seen twenty farmers walking together more or less stimulated and I know the disastrous results in their families and in their business. I can recall that long line of business men who ran to the bar at least once an hour and I saw them go to pieces physically and otherwise. I am so glad you wrote it and I am proud to know the author.

I hope Virginia is coming along. Someone told us that she weighed a hundred and sixty pounds which is nice and plump.

We are very comfortable here and Mrs. Robinson joins me in highest regard to Mrs. Farrington and yourself.

Most cordially yours,

WCR*E

Dec.3,1931

Dr.W.Courtland Robinson,Editor,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St.,Phila.,Pa.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed is a short account of a reception held in Tabor Presbyterian Church, and if you have room in your columns for it, we would like to see it appear.

We are passing through what might be called a reconstruction period, and believe that a printed account of what takes place in our church may have a certain psychological effect.

Of course, if it is not convenient for you to print it, you need not give the matter any further thought.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) Annie B. Fleming

2223 St.Albans St.,Philadelphia,Pa.

December 3, 1931.

Rev. W. P. Finney,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Finney:

I have Dr. Macartney's address very carefully typed and prepared. To my mind, it will be far better for it to be published in the Journal except I suppose our paper has a wider circulation. I thought the three addresses were exceptionally fine and had I room I would like to print all three. I think I will write Dr. Macartney, who sent his manuscript without request from me, telling him that I am going to put it in your hands. I do not wish to offend him in any way but really we have so many manuscripts that it is hard to find a place for one as long as his.

I thank you for your letter and will send you the manuscript when I hear from Dr. Macartney which I presume will be very soon.

Very sincerely yours,

WCR*E

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December 2, 1931.

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.,
Editor The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

There has been such a strong demand for the printing of all the addresses that were delivered in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the organization of the first Presbytery on Monday afternoon and evening, November 23rd, in the Presbyterian Historical Society Journal, that I have been instructed to request of the respective speakers the manuscripts of their addresses for the above purpose. This I have done, and a general compliance has been signified, and already several of the manuscripts are in hand.

Dr. Macartney's letter, however, reads briefly thus: "I gave the copy of my address to The Presbyterian, which, I suppose, will soon publish it. When it comes out, you can get a copy for use in the Journal."

The December issue of our Journal is too far along to admit of these publications to appear in the forth-coming number, so that will carry them over to the March number. So our dilemma is simply this: We do not want in any way to interfere with your prior rights or intentions in the matter of handling Dr. Macartney's address, for the Presbyterian. At the same time, we would be reluctant to feature the occasion in our Journal without including Dr. Macartney's fine oration. Apparently Dr. Macartney expresses his entire willingness that we should publish the same, and our inquiry is as to whether we may count on having the manuscript of his address from you, shall we say not later than February 1, 1932?

If you should want the manuscript returned to you, we, of course, would readily comply.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. P. Finney.